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Cearning Partner^g Recruiting Now

Great news! The Learning Partner Program is about to be rejuvenated, and we need Volunteers!

After a year of strictly court-involved youth intervention, we will shift back to our program roots and add-in prevention. Coming soon, we will be able to support youth of all ages in Grand Traverse County.

Learning Partners will now support court involved AND at-risk youth in elementary school, as well as after school (for those in middle school and high school). Referral criteria will include being behind in school, but it is no longer required as a primary factor.

As we look to rebuild and expand the Learning Partners Program, we will need to build our pool of dedicated volunteers. If you, or someone you know, can help during school hours or after school, please let us know! We'll get you all of the details and help match you to a youth in need of a mentor.

Contact Laura on Tuesdays, at 922-4827-she'd love to share the details!













New Vision Academy 2017



Welcome *Tyler Floering*, 2017 summer intern! Tyler will begin working in the office on May 8th, scheduling and coordinating New Vision Academy's calendar of events.

We also welcome back volunteer, *Darcy Schlitt*. This will be Darcy's 4th summer working with our New Vision youth. She is a great asset to our interns as a retired school teacher, and a dedicated volunteer to Probate & Family Court.

Welcome and thank you both!



Please join us for the May monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 16th. See the event flyer on oppointed Special Advocates the next page for OR CHILDREN information on this

wonderful opportunity to be trained in the 'Darkness to Light' curriculum, through our local Children's Advocacy Center.

Please watch your email for an official link to register through the CAC, Eventbrite page.

Thank you!

Grand Traverse County CASA would like to extend special thanks to all of the dedicated facilitators who donated their time and expertise to the 2017 CASA training.

ReAnn Gorton, GAL and local attorney

Brett Baird, GAL and local attorney

Amber Lee, LMSW, Kids Creek Family Counseling

Megan Heethuis, DHHS

Katie Benjamin, DHHS

Barb Cross, Maple Clinic

Dr. Nancy Giles, CASA Volunteer of Grand Traverse & Leelanau County

Amanda Steele, Senior Prosecuting Attorney Janet Kronk, Family Court Administration

May and June Birthdays

Tyler Floering Donna Hasenauer Julie Howe Christine Pion Karrilee Walter

Chonda Baggerly Nancy Briggs Lisa Haworth Cynthia Johnson Janice Meyer Amy Richards Kristen Rivard





JOIN THE TEAM THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Join us for a free class on...

Tuesday, May 16th, 2017

4:00pm - 6:30pm

Robert P. Griffin Hall of Justice (Lower Level – Volunteer Services Office) 282 Washington St. Traverse City, MI 49684

Register on Eventbrite

Team Zero is an ever-growing collective of individuals and organizations committed to bringing the rate of child sexual abuse in our region to... ZERO.

It's time to be brave. It's time to speak up and speak out for our children. If we don't, who will?

TAKE OUR FREE CLASS!

Team Zero offers a FREE, two-hour course in evidence-based prevention education for groups from all sectors of the community. Using the *Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children* curriculum, this short and effective course teaches adults how to utilize simple actions that can have far-reaching, positive effects for children.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE INCLUDE:

- 1. LEARNING THE FACTS
- 2. MINIMIZING OPPORTUNITY
- 3. TALKING ABOUT IT
- 4. RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS
- 5. REACTING RESPONSIBLY



Course participants receive a certificate of completion and specific professions are eligible for continuing education units (CEUs).



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231-922-4827

Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 Tuesday, June 6th, 2017



<u>CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)</u>

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 16th, 2017 Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

